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Memorandum

TO: Elderly and Disabled Advisory Committee DATE: February 27, 2009

FR: Ross McKeown, MTC Staff

RE: American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Update

MTC staff met with EDAC members on February 10 to request input on MTC's funding proposal for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). Staff presented the proposal to the Programming and Allocations Committee on February 11; the Commission took action on the proposal on February 25.

Here are some highlights:

- Transit and local road rehabilitation projects comprise approximately 80 percent of the requested funds, or \$393 million of the total \$495 million in ARRA formula funding.
- The remaining funds will be directed to complete strategic investments including: the BART-Oakland Airport Connector (\$70 million), freeway performance initiatives (\$19 million), and local safety projects (\$13 million). These projects must meet certain conditions by June 30 or the funds will be redirected to rehabilitation projects.
- Federal deadlines require the local road funds to be obligated within one year and half of the transit funds within 180 days; however, the Commission approved a stricter obligation deadline of 90 days for both transit and local road funds.
- Above and beyond the MTC-managed funding programs, the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) manages several nationwide, non-formula, competitive funding programs. The Commission deferred action on advocacy priorities for non-formula funding until next month to allow further deliberation and obtain a consistent direction for the advocacy of

these nationally-competitive funding programs. Staff had proposed adoption of advocacy priorities for the Transbay Terminal “train box” and Doyle Drive Replacement projects.

MTC staff will attend the March 5 EDAC meeting to present this information and answer any questions.